

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC PORTION OF THE  
JUDICIAL CONDUCT COMMISSION MEETING**

**April 21, 2015 at 11:00 a.m.**

**Utah Law & Justice Center  
645 South 200 East  
Salt Lake City, Utah**

**Present:**

Rep. Brian King, Chair  
Robert Behunin  
James Jardine  
Tami King  
Sen. Karen Mayne  
Rep. Kraig Powell  
Hon. Stephen Roth  
Hon. Todd Shaughnessy  
Sen. Stephen Urquhart  
Terry Welch

**Excused:**

Lois Richins

**Staff:**

Colin Winchester  
Aimee Thoman  
Sara Sherman

**1. Welcome.** Rep. King welcomed the Commissioners and staff to the meeting.

**2. Approval of Minutes.**

<b>Motion:</b>	Rep. Powell	To approve the Minutes of the public portion of the March 17, 2015, meeting as distributed.
<b>Second:</b>	Mr. Welch	
<b>Vote:</b>	Unanimous	

**3. Budget.** Mr. Winchester reviewed the budget information through March 31, noting that although 75.0% of the fiscal year had elapsed, only 71.5% of the available funds had been spent. He reviewed projected expenditures for the remainder of FY2015, estimating a surplus of approximately \$1,400.

**4. Statistical Report.** Mr. Winchester reviewed the statistical report.

Number of complaints filed to date in FY15	56
Number of cases pending before the Supreme Court	0
Number of cases pending before the Commission	0
Number of cases under full investigation	3
Number of cases under preliminary investigation	10
Total number of open files	13

Sen. Mayne asked if audio recordings of justice courts might be a reason for the low number of complaints filed to date this fiscal year. The Commission discussed that and other potential reasons. Sen. Mayne asked if courts post notices that court proceedings are being recorded, and indicated that such notices might be required. Mr. Winchester will forward Sen. Mayne's concerns to Brent Johnson at the Administrative Office of the Courts.

5. **National College on Judicial Conduct and Ethics.** Mr. Winchester reminded Commissioners and staff of the October 28-30 college in Chicago. To date, Mr. Winchester, Ms. Thoman and Mr. Welch have expressed interest in attending. Judge Shaughnessy, Mr. Jardine and Ms. King may also be able to attend.

6. **Closure of Meeting.**

<b>Motion:</b>	Mr. Jardine	To close the meeting to the public for the purpose of conducting a confidential session.
<b>Second:</b>	Mr. Welch	
<b>Vote:</b>	Unanimous	

***At the conclusion of the confidential portion of the meeting, the meeting was re-opened to the public.***

7. **Next Meeting.** The next Commission meeting will be held at the Utah Law & Justice Center on June 16, 2015, beginning at 11:00 a.m.

8. **Adjournment.**

<b>Motion:</b>	Judge Shaughnessy	To adjourn.
<b>Second:</b>	Judge Roth	
<b>Vote:</b>	Unanimous	